

New Telephone Connections in Karnataka

2293. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJ-ESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for telephone connections pending in Bellary District, Karnataka; and

(b) the time by which the applicants are likely to be provided with telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Waiting list as on 30-6-1991 in Bellary District, Karnataka, is 1074.

(b) The applicants are likely to be provided telephone connections progressively by March, 1993.

[Translation]

Vikramshila Agriculture University at Sabaur, Bihar

2294. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open Vikramshila Agriculture University at Sabaur in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Issue of Passport from Regional Pass- port Offices

2295. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passport applications pending as on April 1, 1990, Passport Office-wise;

(b) the total number of passport applications received and disposed of during 1990-91, Passport Office-wise;

(c) the total number of passports issued and the number of passports services extended during the year 1990-91; Passport Office-wise and

(d) the steps taken to improve the efficiency of the Passport Offices?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The detailed information Passport Office-wise is given in the attached Statement I.

(b) Information is being collected from various Passport Offices.

(c) The requisite information is given in the attached Statement II.

(d) Information is given in the attached Statement III.

STATEMENT I

The total number of passport applications pending as on 01-04-1990

| Sl. No. | Passport Office | Pendency |
|---------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Ahmedabad . . . | 14280 |
| 2 | Bangalore . . . | 9329 |
| 3 | Bareilly . . . | 11036 |
| 4 | Bhopal . . . | 3550 |
| 5 | Bhubaneshwar . . . | 722 |
| 6 | Bombay . . . | 24042 |
| 7 | Calcutta . . . | 8869 |
| 8 | Chandigarh . . . | 33493 |
| 9 | Cochin . . . | 17867 |
| 10 | Delhi . . . | 8043 |
| 11 | Goa . . . | 1157 |
| 12 | Guwahati . . . | 1694 |
| 13 | Hyderabad . . . | 15671 |
| 14 | Jaipur . . . | 13334 |
| 15 | Jalandhar . . . | 53825 |
| 16 | Kozhikode . . . | 14509 |
| 17 | Lucknow . . . | 15159 |
| 18 | Madras . . . | 5016 |
| 19 | Nagpur . . . | 955 |
| 20 | Patna . . . | 4779 |
| 21 | Srinagar . . . | 3937 |
| 22 | Trichy . . . | 17645 |
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STATEMENT II

The number of Passports issued and Miscellaneous services rendered by each Passport Office during 1990-91

| <i>S. No.</i> | <i>Passport Office</i> | <i>Passports issued</i> | <i>Services rendered</i> |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Ahmedabad | 90732 | 68190 |
| 2 | Bangalore | 61882 | 33650 |
| 3 | Bareilly | 44343 | 21054 |
| 4 | Bhopal | 17180 | 9506 |
| 5 | Bhubaneshwar | 5766 | 2015 |
| 6 | Bombay | 229495 | 180110 |
| 7 | Calcutta | 47106 | 20887 |
| 8 | Chandigarh | 78576 | 25951 |
| 9 | Cochin | 128348 | 98227 |
| 10 | Delhi | 84186 | 78839 |
| 11 | Goa | 9662 | 18230 |
| 12 | Guwahati | 5901 | 1883 |
| 13 | Hyderabad | 98799 | 53900 |
| 14 | Jaipur | 64535 | 28425 |
| 15 | Jalandhar | 103815 | 33718 |
| 16 | Kozhikode | 110528 | 63707 |
| 17 | Lucknow | 49270 | 15567 |
| 18 | Madras | 69063 | 53834 |
| 19 | Nagpur | 6488 | 2295 |
| 20 | Patna | 21980 | 7773 |
| 21 | Trichy | 113070 | 40197 |
| | | 1440725 | 857958 |

STATEMENT III

Steps taken to improve efficiency in Passport Offices

1. Following categories of applicants have been exempted from requirement of Prior police and CID verification before issue of Passports to them;

- (a) All Government servants and Employees of Public Sector Undertaking who along with their applications submit No Objection Certificate (NOC) and verification certificate signed by their Head of Department on official stationery.

(b) Where an applicant submits his application accompanied with a Verification Certificate signed by either;

(i) a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India and above;

(ii) a Joint Secretary and above to a State Government;

(iii) a Sub-Divisional Magistrate and above;

(iv) District Superintendent of Police and above;

(c) Retired Gazetted Government Servants

- (d) Former Members of the Union Parliament (Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha) and State Legislatures (Assemblies and Councils)

2. In all other cases where Regional Passport Officers/Passport Officers are otherwise satisfied with genuineness of applicant, a Passport may be issued where police and CID do not send their reports in 4 weeks after despatching personal particulars forms to them.

3. Children below the age of 15 years may be issued Passport without police verification.

4. Persons holding normal Passports may be issued fresh Passports after 10 years of its validity without prior police/CID verification.

5. Furthermore, in order to ensure expeditious clearance monitoring of Passports issued and pending is done through weekly progress reports in respect of each Passport Office.

6. With effect from 16th August, 1990, fresh Passports are being issued for a period of ten years at a stretch so that a Passport holder need not visit a Passport Office for renewal after first five years as was the case before August, 1990.

Steps taken to increase productivity Passport Offices.

- (i) To increase the productivity of Passport Officers steps are being taken to computerized the Passport Offices.
- (ii) Within budgetary allocation Passport Offices have been allowed to hire casual workers and also to give overtime allowance to eligible staff to increase output.

[Translation]

Water Reservoir Scheme in Bihar

2296. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of

WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has forwarded any proposal to the Union Government for the construction of a water reservoir to provide water to the Sone Irrigation Project in full capacity; and

(b) if so the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Presumably, the project referred to is Kadwan Reservoir Project of Bihar. The State Government had submitted a proposal for construction of Kadwan Reservoir on the Sone River to the Central Water Commission in August, 1987 for its techno-economic appraisal. The report was examined and returned to the State Government in January, 1988 for modification. Even in the modified report received in June, 1990, Central Water Commission found many basic deficiencies. For example, in this multipurpose project, details for only dam was given leaving out details of irrigation and hydro power components, concurrence of basin States for submerging their areas was not obtained, environmental and forest aspects were not dealt with and hydrology of the project was not finalised. The project, therefore, had to be returned to the State Government in July, 1990.

While the project proposes to stabilise irrigation in the existing Sone command and also to generate hydro-power, only on finalisation of hydrology of the project, benefits and details can be quantified. The State Government is required to submit a modified Project Report in compliance to the observations of the Central Water Commission.

Central Assistance for Control of Floods in Bihar

2297. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of